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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2008

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was mostly good with sixth cutting 65% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 97% of bolls opening and 31% harvested. Corn was mostly good with 81% of the grain harvested complete. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 31% harvested. Dry sorghum was mostly fair with 70% mature and 10% harvested. Chiles were mostly good with 95% of the red harvest completed. Peanuts ranged from fair to excellent with 90% harvested. Pecans were mostly good. Lettuces were mostly good with 90% harvested. Cattle and sheep were mostly good. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 11% very short, 41% short, 46% adequate, and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 13% light, 3% moderate and 2% severe.

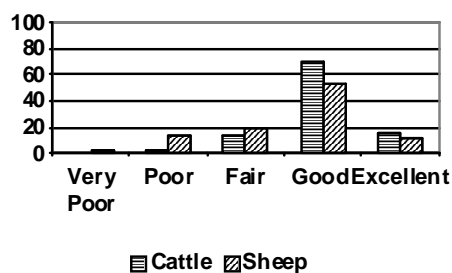
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
ALFALFA	6th cutting	65	49	98	97
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	95	71	88	66
CORN	Harvest-grain	81	65	84	90
COTTON	Opening Bolls	97	93	100	100
COTTON	Harvested	31	9	66	44
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	81	74	60	81
SORGHUM (ALL)	Harvested	17	8	97	40
PEANUTS	Harvested	90	80	100	86

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	---	29	67	---
Chile	---	---	3	97	---
Corn	---	---	---	61	39
Cotton	---	---	6	85	9
Sorghum (All)	---	3	62	34	1
Peanuts	---	---	40	50	10
Pecan	---	1	2	80	17
Cattle	---	2	14	69	15
Sheep	3	13	20	53	11
Range/Pasture	2	13	37	39	9

Livestock Conditions

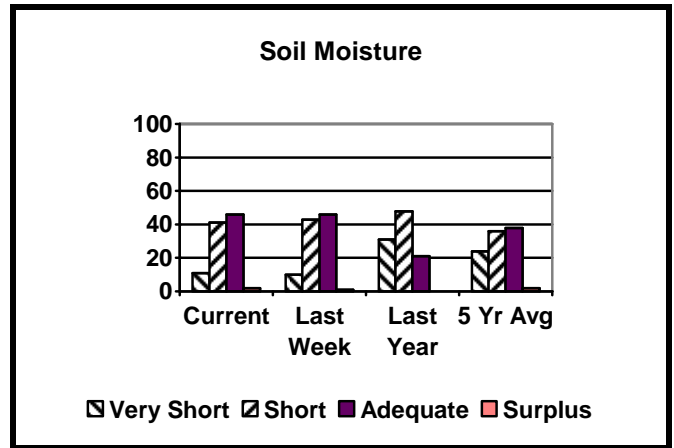


Additional Comments:

Rio Arriba: Thursday snowed in the mountains. **Santa Fe:** Up and down temps, was not good for cattle health. Everything looks very dry. **De Baca:** The County experienced a heavy freeze on Thursday night. Native grass conditions are mostly in fair to good condition going to the Fall and Winter season. **Guadalupe:** Heavy frost on Thursday. All alfalfa, hay and gardens already harvested for the season. Native grass conditions are fair to good into the Fall and Winter seasons. **Doña Ana:** Framers were harvesting cotton, spraying defoliate on pecan trees, and irrigating new onion plants. **Lea:** Ranchers are weaning calves and planting wheat.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	27	34	34	5
Northeast	11	49	40	---
Southwest	---	70	30	---
Southeast	---	24	76	---
State Current	11	41	46	2
State-Last Week	10	43	46	1
State-Last Year	31	48	21	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	24	36	38	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

A disturbance move into northern New Mexico Tuesday afternoon bringing rain and high elevation snow showers Tuesday night into Wednesday. Colder temperatures and breezy to windy conditions were felt statewide as the cold front move through the state. High pressure build Thursday bringing diminished winds and warmer daytime high temperatures. Unsettled weather pattern is forecast for New Mexico through the middle of the work week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 3 - 9, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Accum.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Normal</u>
				03-Nov-09-Nov	01-Nov-09-Nov	01-Jan-09-Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	47.9	70	30	0.01	0.01	7.48	0.43	8.38
Chama	32.4	66	-3	0.09	0.09	18.63	1.72	19.81
Farmington	41.3	68	13	0.01	0.01	5.60	0.94	8.12
Gallup	37.1	66	3	0.05	0.05	10.13	0.95	11.91
Grants	42.1	73	10	0.06	0.05	6.20	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	36.1	66	3	0.00	0.00	6.14	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	37.8	60	15	0.00	0.00	11.03	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	9.44	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	42.4	67	17	0.00	0.00	10.85	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	39.2	67	6	0.00	0.00	13.72	0.67	16.94
Clayton	48.8	77	24	0.06	0.06	12.00	0.52	14.80
Clovis	52.3	78	28	0.02	0.02	9.39	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	42.4	69	14	0.00	0.00	14.48	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	38.2	67	18	0.00	0.00	8.82	0.40	12.17
Raton	42.5	72	13	0.00	0.00	10.48	0.61	16.22
Roy	45.1	71	18	0.00	0.00	12.77	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	52.7	80	21	0.00	0.00	18.25	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	51.8	76	25	0.00	0.00	8.43	0.71	10.62
Deming	50.8	78	22	0.00	0.00	11.35	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	47.4	68	19	0.00	0.00	16.76	0.91	14.92
Quemado	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	7.28	0.45	13.04
Socorro	47.4	75	16	0.00	0.00	7.01	0.47	8.95
T or C	52.9	77	28	0.00	0.00	10.88	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	52.1	79	24	0.00	0.00	10.05	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	55.9	87	27	0.00	0.00	8.95	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	46.3	72	13	0.00	0.00	9.29	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	53.4	80	28	0.00	0.00	9.66	0.53	8.72
Roswell	52.3	82	24	0.00	0.00	8.57	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	43.3	67	15	0.00	0.00	20.29	0.88	19.72
Tatum	51.1	81	19	0.00	0.00	12.26	0.55	15.57

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.